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 $\hat{A}$ ssistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 381NP/50366 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

## Masataka AOKI; Kimihiro KAIMORI; and Takahiro ADACHI

## entitled: METHOD OF TREATING LARGE SCALE STRUCTURAL BODY

## Enclosed are:

- Specification, including 12 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure (33 pages).
- 21 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-4, 5A-5B, 6-11, 12A-12B and 13-24.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed).
- Preliminary Amendment. 4.
- Certified copy of Priority Document 2000-326991 filed in Japan on October 20, 2000, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. \$119 and 37 C.F.R. \$1.55.
- Information Disclosure Statement & Form PTO-1449 with 3 references.
- Assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD. 7.
- The filing fee has been calculated as shown below: 8.

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